



Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council

Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022 / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. / Hybrid (Lakeland Centre in Slave Lake & Zoom)

ATTENDEES & IN	ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS		
Members	Susan Giesbrecht (Chair), Calvin Badger, Fay Cardinal, Robin Guild, Lorraine Muskwa and Norman Wang		
AHS	Stacy Greening, Cindy Harmata, Dalique van der Nest, Marni Bercov, Dr. Frank Akwa, Shauna Wallbank, Gayleen Froese, Aaryn Lynham and		
	Andrea Jackson.		
Regrets	Lindsay Davies (Vice-Chair), Edna Boucher, Lindy Fors and Ernie Grach		
Public	8		
Media	Pearl Lorentzen, Slave Lake Leader		
Welcome &	Susan welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgement and went through introductions. Aaryn shared information about		
Introductions	Health Advisory Councils.		
Approval of minutes	May 2, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.		
STANDING ITEMS	S		
Action items	Dalique to share links about potential closure of High Prairie clinic, with contact information. Complete.		
Council Roundtable and Good News	Susan Giesbrecht, Chair, reported on attending Advisory Council Spring Forum in May 2022. She recommends all members attend as it is a great professional development opportunity (one of many in this role).		
	High Prairie – the community has a wonderful state-of-the-art facility, but staffing continues to be an issue. The dialysis unit is now open two days a week, which has diverted patients from having to travel to Slave Lake for treatment.		
	Wabasca – after the municipality has run the long-term care facility for two years, AHS will take over the healthcare costs of operations, saving the municipality over \$2 million annually. The hospital emergency room is now open 24/7 but was only open for 12 hours recently. Finally, with a recent influx of suicides in the area, addictions and mental health remain a priority for the community.		
Voices of the Community	None of the public present came forward with any specific questions or concerns.		

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Alberta Health Services Zone Update	Dalique van der Nest, Executive Director, Allied Health, North Zone, provided a written report with information about workforce recruitment, capital projects and major events and initiatives specific to the local area. She also provided highlights from the North Zone Operational Plan and performance measures and initiatives. An update on COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, was provided. Information on its impact and measures to reduce spread are changing daily. Visit www.ahs.ca/covid for the most up to date information. Visit Getting Healthy After COVID-19 to learn more about long-COVID. The new AHS toll-free Indigenous Support Line connects Indigenous callers with Indigenous listeners from noon to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday. Call 1-844-944-4744 with questions or requests for culturally appropriate care.
Community Partners	Anita Fagnan, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided information on several free virtual learning opportunities available for rural community members. Visit the <u>events page</u> for more detail. The 2022 Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention (A&R) Conference, "Put on Your Perspectacles" is October 4 – 6 in Drayton Valley. Visit <u>rhpap.ca</u> for more information. The Rural VIP (Rural Information Panel) is a monthly feedback process using online surveys. All community champions of local health are
	encouraged to join. Sign up here using the password "RURALVIP". Email ruralvip@rhpap.ca with questions.
Physician Recruitment Report	 Shauna Wallbank, Physician Resource Planner, provided the following physician resource update: High Prairie – currently 6 family physicians, including 2 with additional skills. Slave Lake – currently 9 family physicians, including 4 with additional skills. With Dr. Burke retiring in October 2022, there is a recruitment target of 1 additional family medicine physician (to maintain 9 physicians in the community). Wabasca – currently 3 family physicians. There are 3 more postings and 3 hopeful candidates. In 2022, 33 new family medicine physicians have been recruited, along with eight new specialists across the North Zone.
Report from the Chair	Susan Giesbrecht thanked Lindsay Davies, Vice Chair, and Lindy Fors for their six years of service on Council, as their terms end Sep 30. Susan will attend the RhPAP conference from Oct 4 – 6. Each of the 12 Health Advisory Councils is sending a delegate to the conference. Recruitment Update: Lesser Slave Lake HAC is actively recruiting for members from Slave Lake, Antikameg and other rural communities in the HAC area across Northern Sunrise County, Big Lakes County, MD of Opportunity and the MD of Lesser Slave River. Anyone interested can learn more and apply online at ahs.ca. Email lesserslavelake@ahs.ca with any questions.

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Coordinator Update	Aaryn Lynham, Advisory Council Coordinator provided an update:		
	• Council is planning a community engagement event for December 5, 2022, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. "Accessing Personal Health Information" will educate about My AHSConnect and Connect Care in the local area. A public invitation will be circulated.		
		 Work Commitments will be revised for 2023 – 2025. Council members will each be assigned to a topic, so each topic has a lead and others to support. Next steps will be communicated to Council. 	
	Interim Vice Chair	As the current Vice Chair, Lindsay Davies, finishes her Council term Sep 30, an interim Vice Chair is required for five months (until the next	
Elections	Council meeting on February 6, 2023) when elections are held for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions to begin two-year terms.		
	Ernie Grach submitted an Expression of Interest for the position before the meeting.		
	Robin Guild made a motion for nominations to cease. Calvin Badger seconded, all in favor. Motion was carried.		
	Ernie Grach was declared the interim Vice Chair of the Lesser Slave Lake HAC by acclamation, to serve a five-month term.		
Presentation: AHS	The presentation from Marni Bervoc, Director of Provincial Addictions and Mental Health (including Mental Health and Justice) spoke about		
Provincial Mental	the team's collaboration with Corrections Health Services (CHS); Provincial Family Violence Treatment Program (PFVTP); Domestic Abuse		
Health & Justice	Response Team (DART); Provincial Mental Health Diversion Program (PMHDP); and Regional Police and Crisis Team (RPACT)		
Initiatives			
	The AHS ID Program allows clients without government-issued photo identification and health cards to be referred to more appropriate		
Marni Bercov,	levels-of-care or follow-up services in the community. Other initiatives include the Health IM system, and the Police Call Line, which allows		
Director, AMH	law enforcement to triage mental health calls with an AHS mental health specialist.		
Actions	Aaryn to email Council about next steps to begin revising Council work commitments for 2023 – 2025.		
	Shauna to investigate recruitment in Calling Lake to see how it is structured. Unsure if it is run through Medical Affairs.		
NEW BUSINESS			
Date of Next	Date: Monday, February 6, 2023		
Meeting	Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.		
	Location: Online only through Zoom. Advance registration is required. Register for the Zoom meeting.		

Our meetings are open to the public. Dates and locations are <u>available here</u>. <u>Find your Health Advisory Council here</u>. Visit <u>Together4Health</u> (T4H) to engage with AHS online.

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